

Memories from "The Cloud" - Prologue (WGAW Registered)

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PROLOGUE

As you all learn as soon as you access the central knowledge, it happened by chance.

Simply- everything happened at the right time in the right place.

There is nobody that really needs to read this prologue.

But this has been created as part of the new Outreach initiative, so that a common, shared story can be sent all around beyond where we live, and maybe eventually somebody from some other planet with contact us back.

One hundred years ago, In the last quarter of the XX century, a company was founded, called Google, that tried to allow everybody to find immediately any communication that was distributed as an electron stream.

In less than 25 years, the company became the main connecting point of communication on Earth, and people started using the knowledge in Google and other services, instead of learning themselves.

In 2015, Google created the first artificial island, on the dateline, and transferred all the knowledge in this new territory, that was independent from any local government.

In 2020, the United Nations Security Council passed an unanimous resolution globalizing Google as an international shared resource and creative common.

In 2025, all the United Nations members signed into law the removal of any local computer memory.

Some people complained about the risk of losing independence of thought, but in reality just the opposite happened, as on a volunteer basis people started to add a new self-improving technology, that was linked to their brain and powered by their body.

By 2035, when the last independent computer was disconnected, people where free from spending long years learning minutiae, and also their brains were starting to show changes.

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By being able to access all the information anytime anywhere, the human brain adapted, and started soon to focus on filtering information, becoming an individual index.

Moreover, as everybody could access all the knowledge, the most valuable resource became time and the ability to filter, replacing the old system based on exclusive or privileged knowledge.

By 2050, the old system based on investment and its representation, money, ceased to work, as anybody had all the information to make informed decisions, removing the economic value of information.

Instead, time replaced its value, as still each individual person had completely different ways of seeing the shared knowledge.

Also, the choice of language became a personal choice, not linked to being in a specific location, as anybody was finally able to understand any language.

What people feared that would be the end of the individuality, instead, meant the end of travelling, as it was unnecessary.

By 2060 the first external locations (on the Moon and Mars) were set, but the distance was creating some communication issues.

By 2070 a new test was designed to identify automatically which activity was the one most appealing to each individual brain, as the new Google-originated economy is based on individual choice.

At the same time, it was created a joint resolution not to venture outside the Solar System, until such a time when technology would allow to keep connected to the central knowledge.

In the new economy, each person received time-credits, to exchange for the time-credit of somebody else, being therefore able to obtain any product of service, by exchanging its time value, while receiving the basic needs by the community they settled in, and contributing part of their time according to their skills and capabilities.

Most people decided that travelling was, in the end, stressful, and therefore, to avoid the loss of diversity of ideas, some people were tested to verify if they could cope with travel, and compensated for the stress by receiving additional time credits.

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The purpose of these travellers was to travel between locations, and to meet other travellers, so that their brain could build different way of connecting ideas, and share their way of thinking with non-travellers.

Autonomously, people started to find new ways to use the time freed by new social structure, and started meeting both for physical activities and to try new way of communicating, contributing to the central knowledge new ideas that, in turn, increased the speed of creation of new ideas.

By 2080, the evolution created new way of communicating, and the freedom of restructuring around ideas and trading by time-credits simplified communication.

The final improvement of the implant made it completely protein-based and self-adapting, and using nanotechnology any further shared improvement was immediately spread across all the community, including the out-of-Earth locations, by sharing through the central knowledge the information on the innovations.

It was decided in 2085 to inaugurate the "10 minutes focusing", so that all the people in each location will focus for 10 minutes every 24 hours on a specific subject, by using their own different ways to access the central knowledge.

Thanks to the resulting acceleration in the evolution of ideas, from 2085 until 2090 we experimented so many new ideas, that is was decided to change from 10 minutes every 24 hours to 10 minutes every 12 hours.

In honour of the original Google, in 2090 the Earth and the out-of-Earth location have been renamed "The Cloud", upon final completion of the new instantaneous connection between all the locations.

In 2095 the first teams of travellers were sent outside "The Cloud", to locations decided by each time zone by shared agreement.

They were provided with technology that should allow them to represent as we are now, and in hope that their travels eventually will be completed by their return, contributing new ideas to the central knowledge.